

REAL GOOD MUSIC'S ARTIST ROSTER 2010/2011

BAKA BEYOND (ENGLAND/AFRICA) This blend of Celtic and African music is performed by some of the best musicians from both worlds. *Linear Reflections* described Baka as “**a complete sensory experience**”. Spirited, high energy music with dance spotlights the music of the rain forest people of Cameron, Africa. Full teaching and cultural program available.

THE BEVVY SISTERS (SCOTLAND) Our only non-Celtic band just had to be a good one. Three part female harmony, reminiscent of the 40's Andrews Sisters, enjoying a mix of Gospel, jazz, folk, and Americana, the band puts together...“a creamily curvaceous voice that ranged the full gamut from velvety intimacy to majestic, rafter-rattling intensity”- The Scotsman.

CALADH NUA (IRELAND) The perfect balance between innovation and preservation of Irelands wonderful music and song tradition. Caladh Nua, meaning a New Shelter place, comprises five extremely talented musicians coming together at just the right time with just the right balance. Representing counties Carlow, Waterford and Kilkenny.

CARA (GERMANY) From Germany a powerhouse of Celtic music. **Gudrun Walther**, vocalist/fiddle fronts Cara's traditional styles perfectly. The band has a nicely updated “now” sound to the music magically weaving together flute, guitar, piano, fiddle, pipes, concertina and bodhran.

CELTIC SPRING (USA) This 8-member band sometimes described as a *Celtic* Von Trapp family, is still riding high from the top five finish for NBC's **America's Got Talent** competition. Very strong Irish step-dancing with high energy and a endearing performance from these young dancers and musicians makes them a top draw.

DE DANANN (IRELAND) When six former members, including founding members Alec Finn and Johnny “Ringo” McDonagh, of this powerhouse Irish band got back together to tour, folks around the world took notice! Reunited for a benefit concert in Galway in 2009, the band will have a new CD out for fall 2010, and hits the road to tour their brilliant music once more.

FOUR MEN & A DOG (IRELAND) Perhaps no Irish band going dares to mix traditional music, Southern rock, jazz, Bluegrass, polka, country swing, and even salsa into the same performance. Only one with some of the most talented musicians in the world can pull it off like this band does. Known for a knock out Live performance and a must see on stage persona.

KILA (IRELAND) For over 20 years Kila has impressed the likes of U2's Bono who says “*Somehow you get the feeling Kila lit the fuse for the big bang*” and all of the live audiences that have joined in the fun. A band that loves to fuse together many styles of music, they did the music for the Oscar nominated animated movie, “Secret of Kells”. Fantastic live performance.

OLD BLIND DOGS (SCOTLAND) OBD's are on the cutting edge of Scotland's roots revival. Dynamic percussion blend with the small pipes and whistle and a fine blend of guitar, cittern, fiddle with rich vocals with a wonderful feel for the traditional. **Best Folk Band of the Year** and **Best Live Band** awards at Scots Trad Music Awards ! The fans in North America agree.

SLIDE (IRELAND) Keeping the traditions intact while delivering a contemporary feel to the performance gives the band a much wider appeal to younger audiences while still keeping “Trad” fans very happy. To say Slide excites an audience is an understatement. Daire Bracken and Slide have a special chemistry that is apparent the moment they step on stage.

TANNAHILL WEAVERS (SCOTLAND) One of the best Scottish bands who can rightfully claim to be not just a great band, but practically an institution. Beginning recording in 1976 this four member band continues to carve out it's legend as *trailblazers* who have kept their sound fresh and current, while still giving their audiences the stong, rich traditional music that has made them a hit for over 30 years. A unique live show with wit and charm.

TEADA (IRELAND) From County Sligo, Teada is perhaps one of the most exceptional traditional Irish bands to come around in many years. Winner of two awards from the **Irish Music Magazine's** for “Best Traditional Band” and “Best Male Performer”, for Oisín Mac Diarmada, the accomplished fiddle player. Teada's 6th special “**Irish Christmas in America**” holiday tour 2010, with other special guests and dancers, is an earthy and wonderful delight for all ages. Workshops available.

2DUOS (GERMANY/SCOTLAND) When artists and friends from two outstanding bands collaborate you can expect something special....when the bands are **Cara** and **Old Blind Dogs**, along with **Claire Mann** from Scotland, you can count on it being great. The four members mix German, Irish and Scottish music in a folksy, traditional, and unique cultural blend.

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